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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 11-13 following "Government Support" and insert the following paragraph:

This invention was made with government support under Contract No. AI 20001 by the National Institutes of Health. The government has certain rights in this invention.

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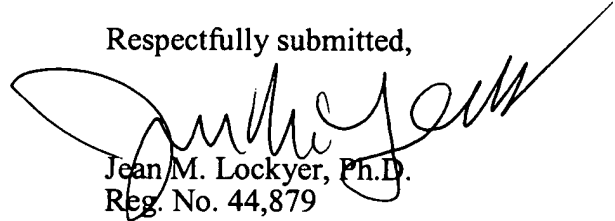
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This amendment adds no new matter and merely updates the government support information. A marked up version showing the amendment is attached hereto.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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